

RESOLUTION NO. 14-353

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that a distinguished citizen,

The Reverend Christopher Jermaine Turner, will be honored with the "Religion Leadership Award" during the Thirteenth Annual Leadership Awards Banquet sponsored by the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama A&M University on June 7, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher Jermaine Turner was born and reared in Huntsville, Alabama, and received the Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Alabama A&M University. Further studies earned him the Master of Divinity degree from Temple Baptist Seminary in Chattanooga, Tennessee. In July 2014, he will pursue the Doctorate of Educational Ministry degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; and,

WHEREAS, Pastor Turner was called to the ministry at an early age. Currently, he serves as Senior Pastor of Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church, a mainstream missionary Baptist church founded in 1894 located in Harvest, Alabama. His extensive experience in the ministry and religious sector include: Associate Minister 1991-2000, Turner's Chapel CME Church under the supervision of Pastor Mario McCullough; Associate Minister 2000, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the supervision of Pastor Richard Hamlet; Associate Minister 2007, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the supervision of Moderator/Pastor Marcus Davidson; Associate Minister 2009, Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the supervision of Pastor Dave McGlathery; Minister of Mission Ministry and Evangelism 2008, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church; Senior Pastor 2003-2007, Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Elkton, Tennessee; Field Missionary 2003, Round Island Creek Missionary Baptist Junior Convention and Chairman of Banking Committee 2001-2003; and Junior Missionary Society, Round Island Creek Missionary Baptist Association. Additionally, he is the current President of Round Island Creek Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention, Instructor, Round Island Creek Missionary Baptist Christian Education Department and Adjunct Instructor, Huntsville Bible College; and,

WHEREAS, Pastor Turner's goal is to edify mankind and glorify God. He has exemplified his goal through eloquent teaching and preaching at Pine Grove, throughout the Huntsville-Madison County community and the world over. More importantly, Pastor Turner and his congregation have made and continue to make significant contributions to the community through their various health awareness programs such as stroke, diabetics and others. Through the church's Food Drive Program, fresh vegetables and canned goods are transported weekly on the church's vans to the elderly and families in need throughout Madison County; and,

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WHEREAS, he is a member of the Alabama State Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. In recognition of his contributions to mankind, he has received scores of awards and honors. He is married to the former Antoinette Stewart, and they are the proud parents of three children: Chancellor, Christian and Jacob.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Reverend Christopher Jermaine Turner, honoree of the 2014 "Religion Leadership Award," and extend best wishes to him and the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 22nd day of May, 2014.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 22nd day of May, 2014.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama